

AMENDMENTSIn the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. ~~An absorbent material comprising:~~

- (a) absorbent gelling particles comprising a water-insoluble absorbent hydrogel forming polymer;
- (b) a polycationic polymer;
- (c) from about 1 % to about 10% of glue microfibers selected from the group consisting of:
- i) tackifier modified polymers,
 - ii) pressure sensitive adhesives, and
 - iii) mixtures thereof;
- (d) a carrier layer;

wherein the polycationic polymer is bonded to the absorbent gelling particles;
and wherein the absorbent gelling particles, deposited onto the carrier layer,
are fixed to the surface of the carrier layer by the glue microfibers in the dry
state and wherein the glue microfibers are meltblown fibers.

Support for the amendments to claim 1 at page 6, lines 1-5. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claim by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."